



**THREATENED AND ENDANGERED SPECIES
KNOWN OR LIKELY TO OCCUR
IN
SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS**

American Burying Beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) - Endangered: Known to occur historically in Shawnee County. Prefers loose sandy/clay loam soils in grasslands and upland woodland edges. Endangered nationally.

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as a regular winter visitant along the Wakarusa and Kansas Rivers. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

Eastern Spotted Skunk (*Spilogale putorius interrupta*) - Threatened: May occur near forest edges, rock outcrops, brushpiles, abandoned buildings, and brushy fencerows.

Eskimo Curlew (*Numenius borealis*) - Endangered: Formerly a regular spring transient in the eastern 2/3 of the state. Used heavily grazed grasslands and bare fields. Has not been verified in Kansas since 1902, but may still migrate through Kansas. Endangered nationally.

Least Tern (*Sterna antillarum*) - Endangered: Known to nest along the Kansas River. May also occur as an occasional visitant in spring, summer, or fall near wetlands, rivers, or impoundments. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

Peregrine Falcon (*Falco peregrinus*) - Endangered: Known to nest in downtown Topeka. May also occur as an occasional winter visitant where waterfowl or other birdlife concentrate. ***Critical habitat has been designated.***

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) - Threatened: Known to nest along the Kansas River. May also occur as an occasional seasonal transient at bare sandbars in rivers or shorelines to impoundments. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Threatened nationally.

Smooth Earth Snake (*Virginia valeriae elegans*) - Threatened: Known to occur in rocky hillsides in moist woodlands with dense leaf litter.

Snowy Plover (*Charadrius alexandrinus*) - Threatened: Known to occur as an occasional seasonal transient or summer visitant at bare river sandbars and lake shores.

Sturgeon Chub (*Macrhybopsis gelida*) - Threatened: Restricted to larger sandy rivers where they frequent areas swept by currents especially at heads of islands and sandbars. Has been documented in the Kansas River. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Federal candidate.

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Topeka Shiner (*Notropis topeka*) - Threatened: Known to occur in the Mission Creek main stem and may occur in other Kansas River tributaries. Prefers small streams with high water quality and clean gravel substrates. ***Critical habitat has been designated.*** Endangered nationally.

White-faced Ibis (*Plegadis chihi*) - Threatened: May occur as an occasional transient or summer visitant at wetlands and impoundments.

Whooping Crane (*Grus americana*) - Endangered: Known to occur infrequently as a transient. Endangered nationally.